



California Fair Political Practices Commission

March 20, 1989

Michael G. Balmages
Chair, Orange County Democratic Party
828 N. Broadway
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-89-145

Dear Mr. Balmages:

You have requested confirmation of telephone advice provided to you regarding the campaign provisions of the Political Reform Act,^{1/} specifically with regard to the contribution limitation provisions contained in Sections 85300-85307.

Your letter correctly states my advice that committees formed to qualify, support or oppose recall measures, and committees formed to do voter registration are not subject to the contribution limitations as long as the committees do not make contributions to candidates. This is because Sections 85300-85307 apply only to candidates and their controlled committees and to committees that make contributions to candidates.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (916) 322-5662 if you have additional questions.

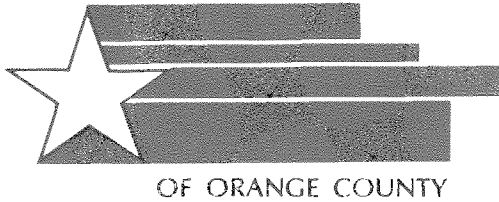
Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel

By: Carla Wardlow
Political Reform Consultant

^{1/}Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated. Commission regulations appear at 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18000, et seq. All references to regulations are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

The
Democratic Party



February 28, 1989

Ms. Carla Wardlow
Fair Political Practices Commission
Post Office Box 807
Sacramento, California 95804-0814

Dear Ms. Wardlow:

I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation of February 28, 1989. In that conversation, I asked you about contributions by individuals to two possible committees. One is the Orange County Voters Rights Committee which has been formed to promote voter rights including preventing harassment at the polls and doing voter registration. The other committee is The Committee to Recall Curt Pringle which has as its primary purpose investigating the possibility of and possibly doing a recall of a sitting Assemblyman. In answer to my question regarding contribution limits, you indicated that Proposition 73 contains no limit on the amounts individuals can donate to either of these committees, as long as none of the funds of these committees is used to support particular candidates.

You indicated in our telephone conversation that you could confirm the accuracy of this information. I would greatly appreciate your doing that by initialling the enclosed copy of this letter on the space indicated and returning it to me in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Thanks for your courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Balmages", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael G. Balmages
Chair, Orange County
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California Fair Political Practices Commission

March 6, 1989

Michael G. Balmages
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Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Letter No. 89-145

Dear Mr. Balmages:

We received your letter requesting confirmation of advice under the Political Reform Act on March 3, 1989. Your letter has been assigned to our Technical Assistance and Analysis Division for response. If you have any questions, you may contact them directly at (916) 322-5662.

If the letter is appropriate for confirmation without further analysis, we will attempt to expedite our response. A confirming response will be released after it has gone through our approval process. If the letter is not appropriate for this treatment, the staff person assigned to prepare the response will contact you shortly to advise you. In such cases, the normal analysis, review and approval process will be followed.

You should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to any interested person upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Diane M. Griffiths".

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel

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